

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

This Court met in the basement of Queen Square Church, Charlottetown, on the 27th January. There were present the Revs. D. McNeill, Moderator, R. S. Patterson, A. Campbell, J. Allan, I. Murray, H. Crawford, R. Laird, W. Ross, A. McLean, A. Falconer, and J. G. Cameron, Ministers; and Messrs. J. Lockerby and G. Henderson, Elders.

The Moderator called the attention of the Presbytery to the promise of £15 per annum, made in 1866, to the congregation of Mr. Ross, in lieu of certain claims which they had upon the Church property in Bonshaw, and which they agreed to relinquish, which promise had only been partially fulfilled; also to the fact that certain arrears due Mr. Ross from that section still remained unsettled. After a lengthened discussion it was agreed that Rev. R. Laird be appointed to visit Bonshaw, and ascertain what can be done to secure the arrears, and that another appeal be made to those congregations that are willing to pay their share of the £15 per annum promised to Mr. Ross,—and in the event of not securing the whole amount in this way, that an application be then made to the Home Mission Board for the remainder.

The Rev. A. Falconer placed in the hands of the Presbytery the demission of his charge, based upon his belief that a union of the two congregations in Charlottetown is desirable, and that his demission might facilitate such a union. It was agreed that the demission do lie upon the table, and that a committee be appointed to confer with both congregations in order to ascertain whether union could be effected. The Revs. I. Murray, W. Ross, and J. Allan were appointed said committee, to meet on the 15th of February with the congregation of Queen Square, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and with the Free Church at 7½ P. M. The committee were also authorized, if they see cause, to hold a united conference with the congregations on Tuesday, the 23rd February, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The next meeting was appointed to be held in the same place, on Wednesday, the 24th February, at 11 o'clock, when it is expected that the congregation of West River and Brookfield will be present by commissioners to answer for their interests in view of Mr. Ross' demission. The remits of Synod are also to be considered at that meeting.

ALEX. FALCONER, Clerk.

Presbytery of St. John.

The Presbytery of St. John met on the 20th January, at the residence of the Rev. James Barnett. There were present Revs.

James Bennet, Moderator *pro tempore*, A. Donald, Lewis Jack, Jas. Gray, Saml. Houston, and N. McKay (Clerk.), together with Mr. Stewart, Ruling Elder.

After reading of the minutes, the Rev. Mr. Bennet reported that he had dealt with the people of Carlton Presbyterian Church respecting the matters committed to him; that the attendance in Carlton is very good; that meetings are about to be held in connection with financial affairs, and that he hopes to be able to report some satisfactory progress by next meeting of Presbytery.

A letter from the Rev. D. G. Cameron was read, claiming remuneration for two days services in Carlton Presbyterian Church. The letter was handed to Mr. Bennet, with instructions to bring the matter before the people of Carlton, and do the best he can to have it paid.

A letter from the Rev. P. G. McGregor was read, relating to missionary labours, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. McG., pressing the necessities of our field upon the attention of the Board.

An account was presented from the Rev. Mr. Frazer, for services at Golden Grove and Saltsprings on the 3rd and 10th of January. The Clerk was ordered to write to the people of these settlements, asking them to make provision for the payment of these services.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Mr. McKay's residence, Duke Street, on the second Wednesday of March, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

FOUR NEW CHURCHES.

Early in February two new and handsome Churches were opened in the congregation of Rev. J. F. Forbes. One is called CHALMERS' CHURCH, and the other KING'S CHURCH, in honour of our venerable Professor. Mr Forbes' congregation have manifested great public spirit, good taste and liberality in securing the erection of these places of worship. We are informed by competent judges that the buildings are an ornament to the districts in which they are located.

OPENING OF THE SHUBENACADIE CHURCH.

Some seven or eight years ago the Gay's River section of the congregation under the charge of Rev. James McLean erected a new Church, which, from the beauty of its position and the symmetry of its proportions, affords pleasure to every traveller, while it comfortably accommodates a body of people who, before many years, will require and receive the whole labours of a minister.

Within a few weeks another place of worship within the bounds of the Shubena-